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Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

My name is Victor Whitmore. I live in Albuquerque, New Mexico. There is only one local television station (PBS) which is not corporate-owned.

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There is also one cable channel that offers local programming. Essentially Albuquerque, and neighboring Santa Fe, are comparable to the situation in Italy, where it is nearly impossible for the average citizen to receive information from any media outlet that is not the voice of the ruling, corporatized, Bush empowered, world-dominating minority.

The "deregulation" of the media has already gone too far.

As you know, the media conglomerates spend billions of dollars on strategy to take over ALL media outlets, and they have infinite money and time to plan further assaults on "freedom" of the "air waves." What can be done to reverse the process? Ideally, for instance, it would be forbidden for any "out of state" corporation to own local media outlets. That would be a wonderful beginning!

Please take my word for it that the majority of people very much want you to vote ALWAYS in favor of increased regulation, de-monopolizing the media, so that it cannot be used (as it is at present) to speak to the American public a specialized, propagandistic monovoice, which consistently favors the interests of the few over the good of the many. I heard you speak at a media conference which was broadcast here on FSTV, which is only available to those households who pay for the Dish Network. It is unbelievable but true that your remarks (along with all the other speakers) received NOT A WORD of recognition in the "main-stream" media. You deserve to be heard as much (if not more) than the right-wing, unfair and unbalanced reporting (lies) of the Fox network and other monopolistic, self-serving voices of the propaganda machine!

Thank you for your efforts to limit the power of the existing hegemonious corporate regime. If I can be of any assistance to you, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,
Victor Whitmore